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boundaries of the original survey numbers which were ordered and which have now been reformed. But as some of the reclaimed areas are still patta lands, it became necessary to adopt the boundaries of the original survey fields. Under the circumstances stated above, the term of the special Staff has to be extended till the end of Kanni 1123 so that the work may be completed. As the necessity for extending the term of the Staff could not be anticipated, necessary provision has not been made in this year's Budget. To meet this expenditure an additional allotment of Rs. 1,512 is therefore required under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment for Elamkunnapuzha accretion Survey".

I pray that the amount may be granted to Government.

Demand put and carried.

XIV. 3—Agriculture

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Food and Revenue)*: Sir, I move that an amount of Rs. 1,48,000, be granted to Government under "3—Agriculture—A-2—Farm Operations".

In view of the present food situation in Cochin there is a duty cast upon Government to make an earnest endeavour towards increased production. It cannot be expected that this Government will get the allotted quota of rice from the Government of India as the position in the surplus area is not satisfactory. In the circumstances every nerve should be strained to see that the paddy yield in the lands are increased to the maximum extent possible. With that object in view a Committee has been constituted to consider ways and means. A few decisions have been taken by this Committee and various items that are given here, *i. e.*, 1 to 5, will clearly disclose what all things the Committee wanted to execute at once for intensified cultivation by improving the irrigation facilities, etc. The measures proposed to be taken through the agency of the Agricultural Department are the following.—

I. *Distribution of improved types of seeds.*—An improved strain of paddy called "COCHIN I" evolved by the Agricultural Department is now grown over 10,000 acres of Mundakan land and this is found to give an increased yield of 15 per cent over the local seeds. This method of high yielding strains of paddy over an area of 1 lakh acres in the State is expected to bring an increase of 12 lakhs of paras of paddy per year to the State. The work is estimated to cost about Rs. 1,50,000 and is proposed to be taken up only by part now. An additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 under subsidy "3-A Farm operations" is necessary to meet the expenditure in this connection.

II. *Supply of manure on subsidised scale.*—Application of concentrated manures has invariably given an increased yield of at least 20 paras of paddy per acre. It has been decided to give a subsidy of 25 per cent of the cost of manure to the cultivators to induce them to manure their paddy crops. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,25,000 under subsidy "3-A-2—Farm operations" is necessary for the purpose.

III. *Popularisation of Daincha and other green manure crops.*—Green leaf for manuring paddy has become extremely scarce. It is proposed to encourage green manuring by growing special green manure crops like Daincha, etc." seeds for this have to be distributed free during the first year to popularise the crops. An additional allotment of Rs. 500 under subsidy "3-A-2—Farm operations" is necessary for the purpose.

IV. *Cultivation of Tapioca.*—Tapioca has got good food value and is second only to rice in point of its popularity as an article of food. At present the crop is grown only in very limited areas. This cultivation has to be revived, so as to ease the food situation to a considerable extent. It is not easy to get the setts in sufficient quantities for the purpose unless the Government procure them and sell them to cultivators. A good amount has to be invested for the purpose. A small subsidy will encourage the people to take to it. An additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 under subsidy is necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Have Government taken any steps to procure setts?

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Minister for Food and Revenue)*: Of course, Government are making efforts to get setts from Travancore where there is plenty of good variety of tapioca setts.

V. *Cultivation of vegetables.*—Cultivation of vegetables too is to be encouraged. It is proposed to purchase and distribute seeds at susidised rates. An additional allotment of Rs. 2,500 under subsidy is necessary on this account. Besides this under irrigation six sets of diesel engine are going to be purchased. I, therefore, pray that the sum of Rs. 1,48,000, may be granted to Government.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I want to say a few words on the subject—of course we are prepared to grant whatever amount of money is asked for—but, Sir, on condition that it will be properly utilised for the advantage of the people. I request that every pie of it may be used to the maximum advantage of the ryot and not to certain other persons as had been the custom hitherto. This is a very useful step that you have taken for which I congratulate you with greater vehimence than the condemnation that I may have to throw on it if it is misused.

Demand put and carried.

XV. 5—Village Panchayats.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister far Public Works):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 60,000 under "5—Village Panchayats—B-Works".

ഇതു് തുള്ളർ, മുകന്ദപുരം എന്നീ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ കുറെ അധികം നെല്ലുണ്ടാക്കുവാനായി വെള്ളം പമ്പുചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള ഡീസൽ ഇഞ്ചിൻ വാങ്ങുന്നതിനും മറ്റും വേണ്ടതാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ സപ്ലിമെണ്ടറി ഗ്രാന്റു് പാസാക്കിത്തരുവാൻ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു

Demand put and carried.

XVI. Transfer from B. 1-36—Purchase of two additional filters at Chowwara Head Works.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Re. 1/- by transfer from B.I-36—Purchase of two additional filters at Chowwara Head Works".

തേവരയിലേക്കുള്ള പൈപ്പ്ലൈൻ മാറ്റി അവിടെ 12 ഇഞ്ചു് പൈപ്പ്ലൈൻ ഇടുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടിയാണിതു്. അവിടേക്കു കൂടുതൽ വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് വളരെ ആവശ്യമാണു്. അതു് ഉടനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടിയാണു് ഈ സപ്ലിമെണ്ടറി ഗ്രാന്റു് അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: ഇതു് ട്രാൻസ്ഫർ ചെയ്യുന്നതു് മറ്റേതിനു വേണ്ട എന്നുവെച്ചിട്ടാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: അതിനു പോരാതെ വരുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: അപ്പോൾ മറ്റേതിനു കണ്ടുവെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടല്ലൊ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: കണ്ടുവെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ചിലപ്പോൾ കണ്ടതു തെറ്റിയെന്നും വരാം.

Demand, put and carried.

XVII. 30—2—Printing

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I move that an amount of Rs. 4,850, be granted to Government under "30—2—Printing—Type Metal".

In the last year's budget there was a provision of Rs. 10,000 under "28—2—Printing—Type-metal, and accordingly an order for two tons of type-metal was placed on 21st March 1947 with Messrs. Heatly & Gresham Ltd., Madras for urgent supply. As the supply of the metal was expected in the last year itself, no provision was made under type-metal in the current year's budget. Though the firm was reminded several times, they were not able to supply the metal last year and the provision made for the purpose lapsed. There is real difficulty in obtaining such materials and there is urgent necessity of metal in the Press.

The firm has now supplied the metal and the cost comes to Rs. 4,850. There is no possibility to meet the expenditure by re-appropriation from any other head under "Printing". The supply of the metal has already been made and taken to stock on 25th September 1947 and the payment of the cost of the same could not be postponed. The expenditure can therefore be met by additional allotment only.

A provision of Rs. 4,850 may therefore be sanctioned under the above head for this year.

Demand, put and carried.

Mr. President: It is time for Legislative Business. Hon'ble Minister will continue his speech.

4. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILL

The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill—(cont.)

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